

**REMARKS**

Claims 7-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 7-9 are added and the specification is amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 1-6 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 6. Claims 2 and 6 have been re-written as claims 7 and 8, respectively.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, claims 1-6 are canceled and the rejection is therefore moot.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 3,961,635 to Miya in view of U.S. Patent No. 1,686,981 to Olson. By this Amendment, claim 1 is canceled and the rejection is therefore moot.

The Office Action rejects claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Miya in view of Olson and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,279,527 to Moe et al. (hereinafter "Moe"). By this Amendment, claims 3-5 are canceled and the rejection is therefore moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 7-9 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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